(c) if so, what steps are being taken to remove this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Food Corporation of India, in case of Regional and District Offices which are the field formations of the Corporation has reverted back to the earlier system of six day week as difficulty was felt by the Corporation in meeting the requirements of public distribution system in the States.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Storage Capacity of the Food Corporation of India in Kerala

2589. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big shortfall in the storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India in Kerala as assessed by the Storage Accommodation Committee of the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies;

(b) whether any projects for acquisition of godown capacity by the Food Corporation of India in Kerala was sanctioned, if so, what is their progress; and

(c) whether some of the sanctioned projects have been abondoned, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a), No, Sir. The storgae capacity available with the Food Corporation of India in Kerala is sufficient to meet the present requirement of the State for public distribution system;

(b) and (c) The Food Corporation of India had taken some steps to construct additional storage capacity for holding buffer stocks in Kerala. While the Corporation is going ahead with the completion of storage godowns already under construction in Kerala, a view on construction of further storage capacity in that State would be taken after the Corporation has worked out the State-wise dispersal of the additional storage capacity proposed to be constructed.

Additional storage capacity for FCI

2590. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the plan target for construction of additional foodgrains storage capacity by the Food Corparation of India, State-wise;

(b) whether Kerala has not been sanctioned adequate storage godowns; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The additional foodgrain storage capacity to be constructed by the Food Corporation of India during the annual plan period 1985-86 is 11.0 lakh tonnes. The State-wise breakdown is given in the staetment enclosed.

(b) and (c) The storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India in Kerala is sufficient to meet the present requirement of the State for public distribution system.